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Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to correct what will be readily recognized as minor informalities. Entry of these amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1-30, 44-46 and 49-52 are allowed and that claims 55-60 contain allowable subject matter. Amendments of a formal nature have been made to allowed claims 13, 14, 25-27, 44, 45 and 49.

Claim 31 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of 55 and consequently claim 31 and its dependent claims are believed to be allowable. Claim 37 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 57 and consequently claim 37 and its dependent claims are believed to be allowable. Claim 53 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 59 and consequently claim 53 and its dependent claims are believed to be allowable. Claims 55, 57 and 59 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and conforming amendments are made to claims 56, 58 and 60.

While not acquiescing in the rejection of claims 31-43, 47, 48, 53 and 54, this rejection is believed to be moot in light of the above amendments.

Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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